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RESULTING FROM HALT USING EXPONENTIAL
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2005 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.